**ESSAY WRITING**

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Topic: Have smartphones improved our lives?

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| **YES, they have.** | **No, they haven’t.** |
| * Call in an emergency: car off road and cannot be seen by traffic * Keep in contact with people through WhatsApp: people from abroad without extra coast * One gadget to do many things: phone, listen to music, messaging, email, shop, taking pictures, use GPS, read or watch videos | * We become see-through people because we can be tracked with phones (GPS signal) * Cyber-bullying has become much easier: instant messaging and sending videos/making videos public and distribute them fast * Stressful because you can be reached at all times (Burn out) |

Collect AS MANY arguments AS POSSIBLE, so you can choose the best one for your essay

⇨ STRUCTURE:

Thesis/Statement Smartphones have improved our lives because they can be a saviour when having an accident.

Explanation: Having any kind of accident without anybody else being there can cost your life because any medical assistance might not be there in time to save you.

Example: Car accident

Avalanche

Mountain climbing accident (fall into a gorge)

PERSONAL COMMENT: Choose ONE side “Comment on this statement”

DIALECTICAL EASSAY: Discuss both sides “Discuss”

STAY OBJECTIVE (personal opinion ONLY in the conclusion)

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Definition** (DICTIONARY!)
2. **Historical event**: Times WITHOUT the smartphone
3. **Personal experience**: Seeing three girls sitting together at a table in a café staring at their smartphones rather than talking to each other
4. **Quotation**:

“People who smile while they are alone used to be called insane, until we invented smartphones and social media.”   
― [Mokokoma Mokhonoana](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7152008.Mokokoma_Mokhonoana)

“Anything can change, because the smartphone revolution is still in the early stages.”

- Tim Cook (Apple CEO)

1. **Provocation:** “Smartphones suck!” “Death to the iPhone”
2. **References to literature:** Kevin Brooks *iBoy*
3. **Reference to current events or statistics**

**TRANSITIONS:** DO NOT use “that’s why I am going to discuss”, “because of this arises the question”

What is going on with the people these days? That was the question I asked myself when I saw three teenage girls, apparently friends, sitting across from each other at a table in a café. One would expect that they would loudly discuss the latest gossip on E!, the cute guy who was sitting across from them or the mean teachers who had again given them too much homework. But they didn’t. They were quietly focused on their respective smartphones in front them, immersed in their cyber world.

This paradox experience makes me believe that smartphones has ruined our lives or, at least, our ability and eagerness to communicate with another person face to face. ….

CONCLUSION: summary, personal opinion, outlook to the future etc.